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The Fact that we can Save You at least Ten Cents
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offering to the public.

HERE ARE SOME OF THEM

	Reg. Price	Special
Picnic Hams, (20 lb. or More 9c)	12c lb	10c lb
Pure Lard, - - - - -	12c "	10c "
DRY SALT PORK, - - - - -	10c "	8c "
Granulated Sugar, - - - - -	6c "	5 1/2 "
Nice Bright Mackerel, - - - - -	12c "	9c "
GOOD CHUCK STEAK, - - - - -	12 1/2 "	10c "
ROUND STEAK, - - - - -	15c "	12 1/2 "
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Standing Rib Roast, - - - - -	15c "	12c "
Our Famous SPECIAL FLOUR,	30c	27c
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You know the Old Saying about "The Proof of the Pudding, etc."
Try dealing with us.

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Food to work
on is food to live
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A man works to
live. He must live
to work.
He does both
better on
Uneeda Biscuit,
the soda cracker
that contains in the
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Don't forget
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Will be in Middletown every Friday over Messick's store, next to Middletown Hotel.
A FULL SET OF TEETH FOR \$5.00. The Best Set That Can Be Made for \$8.00.
If you have a plate that will not stay up in the mouth bring it here and we will
put out PATENT SUCTION on it and make it all over for from \$3 to \$4. Teeth extracted
POSITIVELY PAINLESS for 25 cents. Gold, silver and cement filling from 50 cents up.
Remember—Will be here every Friday. Wilmington Office S. W. Cor. 8th and Market Sts.

COUNTRY MINISTERS

Their Salaries Inadequate to Supply Their Physical Needs.

A certain lawyer, belonging to a Meth-
odist conference where 117 pastors receive
a salary of \$600 a year or less, is reported
to have said: "My college chum was my
equal in every respect and in some re-
spects my superior. After twenty-five
years of successful ministerial work I dis-
covered that his annual income was the
exact amount I paid for the keep of my
horse at the livery stable."

These facts refer more especially to the
country pastor, but they are equally ap-
plicable to the majority of clergymen
in the smaller cities, for few get more
than \$1,500, which is but little better
than \$500 in the country, as their living
expenses are necessarily much greater.
Often a pastorate in the country means
that the minister has two congregations,
just far enough apart to make a union of
the two impracticable. This also means
that three sermons a Sunday must be de-
livered usually. Aside from the mental
wear, the two charges often make it
necessary for the minister to keep a horse,
which is a somewhat expensive luxury for
the rest of the week, when it is not in
use. Then in the winter these trips from
congregation to congregation are fre-
quently exhausting experiences. The
donations help the pastor to provide for
his family, but often these gifts resemble
those in the temple which were unac-
ceptable because of their blemishes and
imperfections. Some of the rural pastors
have large families, and then it is an
absolute necessity for them to perform
other work, such as raising garden pro-
duce or by farming, in order to support
the family. One Connecticut minister
tills five or six acres of land connected
with the parsonage. Last year he raised
eighteen strawberries and other small
garden truck more than double his
income.

"Yes, it is true," he said, when asked,
"I make more tilling that five or six
acres of land than I do by preaching the
gospel. They say that farming doesn't
pay in New England any more, but I
think it pays better than preaching the
gospel, when one figures on a basis of
dollars and cents."

It is strange, in consideration of these
facts, that so few think they can afford
to enter the ministry on these terms?
The only wonder is that there are so
many men devoted enough to give up
their lives to what is little less than
drudgery to keep body and soul together.
How can men minister to the spiritual
needs of other men when the constant
thought must be concerning the things
which pertain to their own physical
needs?

Brother farmers get you a vise, it is a
very useful tool. Many an hour can be
saved that is wasted on rusty bolts and
nuts.

What a Beautifully Painted House!

This is the universal re-
mark of the people when
looking at our work.

Why is this?
Because we give personal
attention to all of our work,
and special attention to the
blending of colors. We also
have first-class workmen
and guarantee our work.
Give us a call and we will
explain why you should em-
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Pine, Hemlock and
Cypress. All kinds
Building Lumber.

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Pickets. Mill Work
of all kinds in stock
and to order. Build-
ing and Agricul-
tural Lime. Woven

Wire Fence, Woven
Picket Fence, Barb
Wire and Plain
Wire.

Best value of
HARD AND SOFT COAL

WASHINGTON LETTER

THERE is no little consternation in
Washington because of the invest-
igation now being carried on in the vari-
ous federal departments by the so-called
"Keep Commission," the organization
which the President called into existence
and charged with the duty of investi-
gating the methods of all the departments
of the government with a view to recom-
mending more business like methods and
with the hope of effecting a saving in the
transaction of the business of the govern-
ment. The commission has not com-
pleted its investigation or formulated its
report, so that no one knows what rec-
ommendations it will make, but the an-
xiety of employees in the several depart-
ments to avert the possibility of the com-
mission having found in numerous in-
stances a condition of affairs which calls
for radical changes with the probable
pruning of considerable dead timber.
Some employees of the Government ex-
press no doubt that the commission will
inform the President of the advisability
of materially curtailing the work force in
numerous federal offices. Assuming that
such recommendations will be made an
assumption doubtless based on a knowledge
that they are needed, these employees are
filled with fear that their services will be
dispensed with, or the force may be cut
down, and that they will have to render
an equivalent in work for the salaries
they draw. The fear is also expressed
that the Commission will suggest the re-
ducing salaries paid to men who perform
the most ordinary class of clerical work.

There is but one editor in the Ohio
penitentiary, and he was sent up under
mitigating circumstances. He shot a de-
linquent subscriber.

"Frank Brooking, of Macomb, Ill., has
patented an ice cream freezer that turns
out its product in sticks, something like
the candy maker.

Plans have been completed and the
building is under way for the all-night
bank established as a venture in New
York. It is to be an 11-story building
costing \$350,000.

The diameter of the earth has lately
been accurately ascertained after thirty
years' labor at a cost of \$500,000. It is
7,926 miles at the equator, 7,899 from pole
to pole.

"What would be the result if you
should break one of the Ten Command-
ments?" a Kansas Sunday School teacher
asked of a bright jayhawk boy, and he
promptly replied: "Then there would
only be nine."

A New Jersey judge has decided that it
is allowable for a man to hold out 5 cents
for himself after giving the balance of
\$16.20 of his week's wages to his wife.
Pshaw! What if he should squander it?

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war taxes, increased custom duties, etc.,
Japan has raised nearly \$850,000,000 for
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States are at least six times higher than
in Japan, the amount raised by that
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and he tried his hand first at making
copper cents. The coin presses now in
use cost the Government \$15,000 each
and weigh fifteen tons. There are twenty-
four of them at the Philadelphia mint.
One of the modern machines also is on
exhibition at Portland, where it is used
for making souvenir coins.

Swain's island in the county of Han-
cock, down in the state of Maine, is
claimed as the only veritable Utopia in
the world. It has neither papers nor
thieves. Tramps cannot swim so far.
The island contains 13,000 acres popula-
tion of 1,000, largely engaged in lobster
fishing; has three churches, three schools,
no lockup, no poorhouse; light taxation,
nobody rich, nobody poor. All doors are
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young lady in either of these countries
where she was vaccinated, she would
probably not be compelled to blush like a
pony and murmur almost inaudibly "In
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ness is dull, retrenchment is a duty.
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times are not hard enough for that.
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somewhere. Please stop my jewelry,
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and for papers when times are so hard.
And I will not be able to give anything to
missions this year. Of course I want to
see the world brought to Jesus, but I
must economize. Then I must stop my
religious paper. I cannot do without my
city newspapers and magazines, but the
church paper and local paper make the
cost too great. I'll get the local and
church news from the neighbors.

President Roosevelt is the first Chief
Executive who has had the courage to
address himself to these evils and the
fact that he has done so, while it has
spread consternation among government
employees, especially the less capable
and less industrious, promises to effect
a material saving of the public funds.
The work of the Keep Commission will
be a thankless task but it is one that
should command the respect and grati-
tude of the American public. It has
been a crying need since the days of
Jackson, perhaps since Washington.

An exceptionally creditable task has
now been almost completed by sailors in
the American Navy. When the United
States acquired by treaty with Cuba a
naval station at Guantanamo, a clause of
that treaty required that the property to
be held by the American Navy should be
fenced. When this work came to be
done it was found that the fence would
have to pass through water, over earth
and rock. The tars of the Amphitrite
have practically completed the task,
constructing a fence across mud flats
where the water was knee-deep, over
hills so steep that all material had to be
carried by hand and over ground so hard
that every step hole had to be drilled
with dynamite, that is, blasted out of
the solid rock." Fence building under such
conditions was a novel experience for
jack-tars but the Navy Department is
now informed that they have performed
the work most creditably.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE

Short Pungent Paragraphs Gathered Here
and There

Never say fail. Leave that to your
friends!
"Vice is contagious," and so few of us
have been successfully vaccinated.

Modern Japanese coins bear legends in
English as well as in Japanese.

The beggar in the street may once have
had ambition greater than yours.

What's in a kiss?—St. Louis Globe Dem-
ocrat. Microbes, the scientists tell us.

Printing was introduced into America
at Mexico by Viceroy Mendoza in 1536.

A shipyard in Omimoto, Japan, still in
operation, was established 1,900 years ago.

A person is always best man at a wed-
ding. He gets the coin and takes no
chances.

Mr. William Rittenhouse established
the first paper mill in America at Ger-
mantown, Pennsylvania, in 1800.

Missouri according to the United States
Fish Commission, is the greatest frog pro-
ducing state in the union.

Hongkong is the biggest seaport in the
world, its shipping surpassing that of
London or New York in quantity.

The fellow out of a job wants to work,
and the fellow with a job wants to take a
"lay off." This is the way of the world!

If men could always drop their tasks
and go away to recuperate when they
feel the need of rest little work would be
done.

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OUR WOMAN'S COLUMN

There's no hope for the man who
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It isn't so much where a man parts his
hair as what he has under the part!

Many women in England are choosing
gardening as a means of livelihood.

A mere matter of form has secured
many a girl a theatrical engagement!

Keep always within easy reach a bottle
of lime water and olive oil in equal parts
to be used for burns and scalds.

When you hear a married woman speak
of marriage as being a lottery it's dough-
nuts to fudge that she drew a blank.

An athletic San Francisco girl, ac-
cused by a street loafer, picked him up
and tossed him through a shop window.

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able corsets of all for a slender figure.

A Kansas man is lecturing on: "Why
I Am a Bachelor." When he appears on
the platform the ladies in the audience
know why before he utters a word.

Get outdoors and you won't need to
take sleep opiates. It is a palpable fact
that we can't be out in the fresh air and
sunshine very long before feeling an in-
clination to drowsiness.

A man thinks he loves his wife and
children and because he works hard for
their support he needs no other evidence
that he loves them. Perhaps he does,
but when he constantly reminds them of
the expense they are to him and seems to
begudge every dollar paid out to main-
tain the home and support the family, he
spoils the happiness of that family circle
by selfish thoughtlessness.

When a woman marries she takes a
chance of landing a big angel and being
joyfully happy or of picking out some one
who isn't and being joyfully unhappy.

Better be pretty sure of the man before
you take him for keeps. It's a long, long
journey before the two of you will part,
and your companion must be a good traver-
der and a sympathetic, kind and loving
one, or the way will seem mighty rough
and tiresome.

Do not be afraid of night air, fresh
night air is better than stale bottled day
air.

If a woman was as careful in selecting
a husband to match her disposition as she
is in selecting a dress to match her com-
plexion there would be fewer unhappy
marriages in the world.

Girls, don't cheapen yourselves by al-
lowing yourselves to be everybody's play-
thing. It is all right for you to have a
"fellow" and go here and there with him,
but don't be every fellow's girl, just be-
cause he asks you to be and then imagine
that you will not cheapen yourselves in
the eyes of everybody, especially the
young men. It is a laudable ambition
for a girl to have a "fellow" and she is
entitled to the best if she is the right kind
of a girl. But it makes no difference how
really good she is, she loses the respect of
everybody when she gets so boy struck
that she cannot walk down the street
without stopping to get with every look-
er she happens to meet. When she per-
mits such familiarity and cultivates it
she loses her dignity and that is one of
the rudiments of being a lady. The aver-
age young man has no genuine respect
for the girl who is familiar with all the
boys of her acquaintance and she is the
last girl in the world he would think of
marrying. It is really a disgusting sight
to see an otherwise sensible girl gadding
up and down the streets, gabbling with
every wart she meets, loading around the
stores and shops and sponging treats from
all who have the price and the disposition
to "loosen." That girl is marked for the
bargain counter and when she marries it
is invariably the last or only chance.
Married life can be happy only when
husband and wife have the most implicit
confidence in each other and no man can
have confidence in the cheap, gadding,
gossiping, giddy girl, the one who
imagines the boys are all eager for her
company, when in reality, they only use
her for a plaything with which to pass
away the time. Don't cheapen your-
selves girls, but pick out some really good
young man, some fellow with an ambi-
tion beyond cigarette smoking, booze
fighting or gambling and tie to him. If
he does not suit you, get some other fellow
until you get the right one—that is if you
must have a fellow—but don't fool around
with a half dozen of them at once and
think for a minute that any of them
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Married life can be happy only when
husband and wife have the most implicit
confidence in each other and no man can
have confidence in the cheap, gadding,
gossiping, giddy girl, the one who
imagines the boys are all eager for her
company, when in reality, they only use
her for a plaything with which to pass
away the time. Don't cheapen your-
selves girls, but pick out some really good
young man, some fellow with an ambi-
tion beyond cigarette smoking, booze
fighting or gambling and tie to him. If
he does not suit you, get some other fellow
until you get the right one—that is if you
must have a fellow—but don't fool around
with a half dozen of them at once and
think for a minute that any of them
really respects you. He does not. He is
just four flusing. An honest girl is the
most beautiful object in all Creation even
if she is as homely as a hedge fence, but
a cheap girl—oh, get the ax.

There's no hope for the man who
boasts of his mean acts.

It isn't so much where a man parts his
hair as what he has under the part!

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A UNITED PARTY NEAR

The past week has seen quite an advance in the movement to unite the two Republican parties into one. The Republican (both Union and Regular) editorial writers of the State held two meetings, one on Friday and one on Tuesday, both well attended, and agreed to unite in a movement to secure, first, the filling of the existing vacancy in the United States Senate, and, second, party re-organization. The first of these can be secured only by the action of the General Assembly in special convention, and with the consent and votes of twenty-seven Republican members. This vacancy is now, and has been for more than ten years, the bone of contention, the split of the party coming as a result of the refusal of four members of the General Assembly of 1895 to abide by the action of and join with the other fifteen Republican members and choose a senator. Since the vacancy is the cause of the split, the natural remedy is, remove the cause. An important factor to be considered in this connection is that with two senators to be chosen by the next General Assembly, the "common enemy" will be united. With only one senatorship in view, the Democratic aspirants will fight it out themselves and harmony will not prevail in their ranks.

As to the second proposition, we do not believe that there are a handful of Republicans opposed to a re-organization. Of course, there are differences of opinion as to ways and means, ranging from those Republicans who say "we are right and the only way to have one party is for the Union Republicans to surrender their organization and come back into the party" to those Union Republicans who say "For ten years we have been extending an invitation for you to come in to our fold and you can do it now." We do not concur in either of these opinions. We believe that a way can be arranged for an equitable re-adjustment of party affairs. We do not pretend to set up any cut and dried plan, for we know that this re-adjustment can only be secured by compromise. But where the will is, a way can be found.

One of the serious obstacles to be overcome will be that of apportionment. The Republican State Convention consists of 160 delegates, 40 from the city of Wilmington, 38 from rural New Castle County, 40 from Kent and 42 from Sussex Counties. This was made in 1866 and represented at that time the proportion of population. The growth of the city of Wilmington since has thrown this apportionment basis all wrong. The Union Republican State Convention consists of 185 delegates based on 5 delegates from each Representative District, with 10 additional delegates accorded the city. If the apportionment of Representatives by the Constitution were fair, or even approximately so, the Union Republicans would be more nearly right than the others. But, as it is, in their convention, Blackbird Hundred with 125 Republicans, has the same representation as St. Georges with 600 Republicans or Christiana with 900. But we believe that common sense and a desire for party success can overcome even this obstacle.

The Republican State Committee has been called in session for to-day and there is no doubt that a proposition will be formulated that will eventually lead to one Convention, one State Committee and one County and District Committee in each and every District in the State. It may not come as quickly as we desire, but it will come. The people are in earnest and meetings are being held to urge party leaders on to action. In spite of this being an off year party zeal and activity are high, and even though the leaders might not be strongly in favor of action public opinion would force them. Such is not the case, however. The party leaders are in earnest and desire a coalition of forces, that shall be just, equitable and permanent.

INSURANCE BRIBERY.

"When Thomas Lawson said that when the lid came off the life insurance companies management the people would be astounded, people thought it was

just "Lawson talk." Now they will be inclined to say that the half has never been told.

"His idea that the other big life insurance companies were endeavoring to confine all the investigations to the Equitable in order to save themselves and keep under cover is not so much of an exaggeration as it seemed to be when given out some time ago.

"It is not much wonder that the wrath of the President has been aroused and that somebody is in for a warm time.

"The revelations being made before the Legislative investigating committee of New York show a state of financiering which is little less than criminal blackmail in its worst form.

"The New York Life has admitted that the officers of the society have contributed \$100,000 a year for the past six years to an attorney in Albany who looks after the interests of the New York Life in the New York Legislature.

"This 'looking after the interests' of the New York Life means nothing less than that the money so contributed amounting to \$100,000 of the policy holders money has been paid to an attorney to use to bribe the legislators of New York State to refrain from any form of legislation which would harm or restrict the methods by which that company did business.

"If this is the case with one of the large companies what must be said of the others, all of whom need some sort of the same kind of protection? It is not likely that the New York Life was paying for the protection which all the others would share.

"Then it has been further revealed that the officers of the large insurance companies paid large sums to the campaign funds of the great political parties. The size and amount varying according to whether in the opinion of the officials it was desirable of maintaining in power the one or the other of the administrations.

"It is an admitted fact that individuals may subscribe and contribute as much as they desire of their income or capital to the support or maintenance of this or that cause which seems conducive to the welfare of their own interests and upon that basis alone is the contribution to a campaign fund justified.

"But the contribution is an entirely different matter especially when that corporation exists and flourishes through the use of the money of people of all political faiths. There can be no possible justification for the taking by corporation officials of other people's money without their knowledge and consent for any purpose ever.

"It is in the case of the appropriation of the \$100,000 yearly for protective purposes in the state legislature nothing other than the making of the policy holder whose money is thus used a participant in blackmail and in the second condition a levy on policy holders to support one political party in power."—Daily Republican.

CECILTON

F. F. Hoover spent over Sunday in town.

G. G. Morgan is spending this week in Baltimore.

A. W. Jones spent over Sunday with friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Anna O'Neil is spending this week with relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Mary Money was entertained by friends near town last week.

Miss Dollie Clayton is spending a few days with Miss Mame Pierce.

Oldiam Davis, of Elkton, spent Sunday in town with his parents.

Miss Morris, of St. Mary's, has returned from visiting Miss Laura Clark.

Misses Edith and Anna Alderson were the guests of Miss May Smith on Sunday.

Miss Rena Price has been spending a few days with her cousin, Miss May Roe, of Massy.

Rev. William F. Dawson has been spending a few days with relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Nan Davies, of Philadelphia, has returned to her home after visiting Miss Edna Stephens.

Miss Louise Boulden, of Chesapeake City, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. William Jones near town.

Mrs. Maude Jones, of Philadelphia, spent a few days of the past week with Miss May Smith.

Messrs. G. W. Padley, Robert Snyder and James Pierce are attending court in Elkton this week.

Dr. Istram and wife, of Philadelphia, was entertained a few days by his brother, Mr. Eric Istram and wife.

Robert Anderson has returned to St. Johns, Annapolis, after spending some time with his parents, Robert Anderson and wife.

Messrs. Eugene Dawson, Robert and William Anderson and William Broom have returned from spending the past week with friends in Lancaster.

A PRIZE ESSAY

The following is the essay which was awarded the \$500 prize offered by E. W. Jenkins, of Dover, for the best essay on the "Preservation of Humus," at the Grange Fair, held at Brandywine Springs, August 30th, 31st and September 1st, 1905. The preservation and the introduction of humus into our soils is one of the fundamental principles of our farming operations. Where crops have been grown continuously and no attention is given to the supply of humus in the soil, whether commercial fertilizers have been or have not been added, the soil gradually gets poorer and poorer, until it is finally exhausted. A good example of this kind of farming is in the single cotton growing sections of the south, where the land gets so poor they have to abandon it or turn it out to let it rest. What is Humus? Humus is a vague word applied to decaying organic matter in the soil. Any soil to produce good crops must be supplied with humus and with a sufficient amount of mineral plant food to meet the requirements of the plant. The mineral plant food which is lacking in the soil may be furnished by using commercial fertilizers. But to keep the soil supplied with humus is a harder proposition.

There are two general ways of supplying the soil with humus and plant food, for these two go together, if we supply humus, we supply plant food also. First, by plowing under green manure. Second, by feeding the products of the soil to the animals of the farm and then returning the manure to the soil.

Adding humus to the soil by means of plowing under green crops has been steadily gaining favor within the last decade, especially among the fruit growers of this State. The leguminous crops, especially crimson clover are mainly used, although turnips, rape, oats or any catch crop may be used that will make growth while the land is idle, may be used for this purpose. In this State, crimson clover is used more than any other plant for green manuring. It may be sown in July or August in the orchard or in the corn field after the last working of the corn, it will grow through the winter and early spring and be ready to turn under in late April or early May. The leguminous plants are used whenever possible, on account of their being able to extract nitrogen from the air, through the nodules on the roots and store it in the plant. Just how much nitrogen the plant gets from the soil and how much from the air is not known. A ton of green crimson clover will contain about 8.6 lbs. of nitrogen, 2.6 lbs. of phosphoric acid and 9.8 lbs. of potash. If we value the nitrogen at 15 cents per pound, the phosphoric acid at 7 cents and the potash at 41 cents, we have the fertilizing constituents of a ton of crimson clover valued at \$3.59.

The second method of adding humus to the soil, by the addition of stable manure is far more complicated, for in here comes the question of how to handle the manure to get it on the land with the least loss of plant food and the least amount of labor. At the present day all seem to agree that the cheapest and best way is to haul the manure direct to the field every day as fast as it is made. Then there can be no loss from leaching or heating. When the country was young, the soil was well filled with humus and good crops could be harvested without the addition of humus. Manure was regarded as waste. It was often thrown into washes, creeks or even burned. In time, the ground became poor, because the soil became depleted of humus and plant food, then the settler cleared other land, working westward all the while. This kind of farming is what has ruined the south and the East. At the present day they are beginning to keep more stock and are trying to improve these lands by the addition of humus.

In this county, New Castle, where every farm has its dairy, the supply of humus is returned to the soil in the manure. The hay and grain are fed to the animals on the farm and the concentrated feeding stuffs which are bought increase the value of the manure. A ton of wheat bran contains about 52 lbs. of nitrogen, 36 of phosphoric acid and 32 of potash. If we value the nitrogen at 15 cents, the phosphoric acid at 7 cents and the potash at 41 cents, (the same value as given to the crimson clover) we find the value of the fertilizing constituents of a ton of bran to be worth \$13.16.

A ton of cottonseed meal contains 135.8 lbs. nitrogen, 57.6 lbs. of phosphoric acid and 17.4 lbs. of potash. If we give these the same value as given to the crimson clover and the bran, we find the fertilizing constituents of a ton of cottonseed meal to be worth \$25.18.

The amount of this fertilizing material, which is returned to the soil will vary from 75 per cent. to almost all of it, according to the age and the work of the animal. If it is fed to a dairy cow and the skin milk is fed to the hogs, it will practically all be returned to the farm sooner or later.

Now the question is: Which is the cheaper way to supply humus? By green manuring or by feeding beef or dairy cattle. The crimson clover for green manuring must have the land from late in July until well on in the spring, to make a good crop and then a ton of green crimson clover has only a fertilizer value of \$3.59, or equal to the fertilizer value of a ton of wheat or only 1/3 of a ton of cottonseed meal. The plowing under of green manure is by far the easier method for the farmer, because it relieves him of the work of tending his cattle.

On the other hand, if the farmer buys a ton of wheat bran and a ton of cottonseed meal, feeds it to his dairy cattle and sells the butter or milk, the cows will pay for the feed and he will have \$38.00 worth of plant food to add to his farm. This manure is in far better condition for the soil than the green manure, some of it will be available for the plant at once, while with the green manure the plant must wait until it begins to decay. To one used to work on a dairy farm it seems a great waste of good feed to plow under a crop of crimson clover when it could be fed to cows, be paid for by them and then go back to the soil again. This way seems to be the best and most profitable way of the two, to add humus to our soils.

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Another meeting of the Republican editors of Delaware was held at the Clayton House, Wilmington, Tuesday morning when there was a full discussion of the affairs of the party and the political conditions in the State. Edgar M. Hoopes, president and a permanent organization was effected by electing Mr. Hoopes permanent president and Colonel Theodore Townsend, secretary and treasurer.

Those present were Edgar M. Hoopes, of *The Morning News*; George A. Elliott, of *The Evening Journal*; A. B. Vernon, of *Daily Republican*; George W. Roberts, of *The Sun*; Dr. Caleb R. Layton, of *Union Republican*; Georgetown; Robert G. Houston, of *Sussex Republican*, Georgetown; Colonel Theodore Townsend, of *Chronicle*, Milford; Joseph C. Jolly, of *Transcript*, Middletown; and Edgar C. Cross, of *New Castle News*, New Castle.

The following resolutions were adopted: "Whereas, the press is an acknowledged and patent agency in controlling public affairs either for good or evil, and "Whereas, the Republican press of Delaware, by reason of discordant and inharmonious action, has failed to exert that beneficial influence which it should have exerted in the affairs of the Republican party and,

"Whereas, the above conditions have been caused principally by failure to elect a United States Senator, and "Whereas, there is now a senatorial vacancy with a Republican Legislature, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Republican press hereby pledges itself to united and harmonious action in support of the following propositions:

"First, That the Republican Press urge an immediate election of a United States Senator.

"Second, The advocacy of the principle of a common primary for the re-establishment of one Republican organization in city, county and State, and for this purpose an early conference of the two Republican organizations to iron, h leir sta e committees in order to bring about this result.

"Third, The elimination of personal abuse and the suppression of factional recrimination in order to ally party discord and factional strife and the more fully establishing confidence in Republican rule among the people of this State.

"Fourth, to fully expose graft and malfeasance in office, irrespective of party and labor for honest elections, and good municipal, county, State and national government.

"Fifth, the combination of the Republican press against the common enemy." The editors after the meeting had dinner at the Clayton House.

A DRAMA OF EVERYDAY LIFE

Mrs. Mary Stewart Cutting, the author of "Little Stories of Courtship," a recently published collection of her *McClure* romances of suburban life, has in the October number another of her sympathetic tales of the simple home. "The Hinge" is the Ridge's viewpoint of a little domestic drama in which the neighborhood tragedy of a neglected wife is straightened out in the light of big happenings which help husband and wife, as well as the neighbors, to a re-adjustment of ideas.

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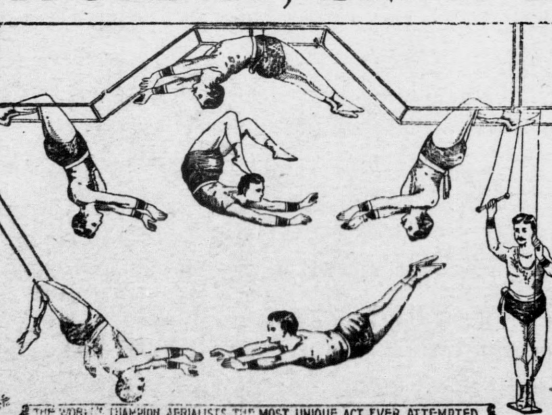
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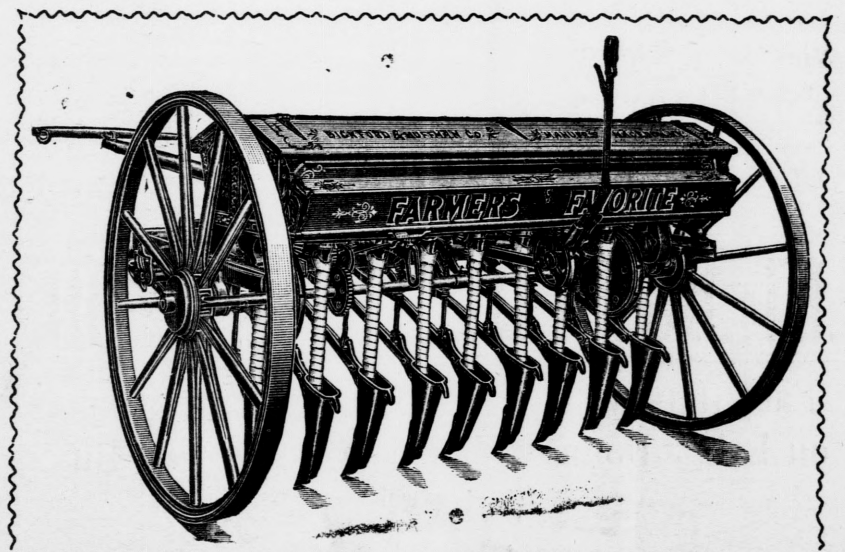
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After Oct. 1st the library hours will be
as follows: Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5 P. M.;
Saturdays from 3:30 to 5 P. M., and 7 to
8:30 P. M.
NOTICE.—Tax payers of the town of
Middletown should remember that Sep-
tember is the last month in which they
can get 5 per cent off. Why not save the
5 per cent? The town is needing money,
and it must make immediate collections.
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of letters remain unclaimed in the post
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James Conner, T. E. Hain, Charles Mar-
shall, Irvin Rhodes.

We are receiving our Fall goods daily.
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Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

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cided to locate in Middletown for the
practice of Medicine and Surgery, offers
his services to the people of Middletown
and surrounding community. Tempora-
ry office at Mrs. Lippincott's, West Main
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The work of extending the water main
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The meeting of the St. Georges Hun-
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place on Tuesday, September 26th, has
been postponed. At this writing the new
date has not been fixed, but will be
announced in our next issue.

The foundation for a two story frame
building 14 by 28 feet has been laid for
Mrs. Kate Naudin, on North Broad
street. When completed the first floor
will be occupied by Dr. E. M. Vaughan.
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dence of her daughter in Port Penn,
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74 years. Mrs. Sharp had been confined
to her bed for 15 years. Deceased was
the widow of the late William Sharp, and
resided in this town for several years.
Funeral services will be held at the resi-
dence of her daughter in Port Penn, this
(Saturday) morning at 10 o'clock. In-
terment will be made in Forest Cemetery.

The ladies of the Forest Presbyterian
Church will hold a sale of the Old and
New in the vacant store room of Mrs.
Annie McKee, on East Main street on
Saturday, October 7th. The sale will
continue from early morning until night
and during the evening. They will also
have for sale biscuits, cakes, pies and
household delicacies and necessities gen-
erally.

Mr. Herbert Matthews, of Chestertown,
Md., was in town Wednesday looking for
a little brown horse and buggy stolen
from his place on Saturday night last.
Mr. Matthews traced the stolen team
some distance on the road between here
and Chestertown, and it is supposed the
thief was making his way to Philadelphia.
The man who took the team is a white
man, known to Mr. Matthews. A re-
ward will be paid for his recovery.

Here is a swindle scheme that is liable
to be worked in this section. A man
leaves a box of salve at the house with
the understanding that if used he will
collect fifty cents. After a few days
another man will call. If the salve has
not been opened it will be taken up. A

little later the original man will appear.
He will ask for the pay for his goods.
When told it has been handed over to the
other fellow he will simulate anger. To
get rid of him the price demanded is
handed over. The pair are confederates.
Newspaper advertising is generally re-
cognized in this day and generation as a
valuable adjunct in the business world.
It is not only regarded by a large major-
ity of retail dealers as a necessity and one
that pays compound interest, but the
buyers likewise insist upon consulting the
advertising columns of their favorite jour-
nal. In the city the popular newspaper
is the daily. In the country the weekly
press has an equally strong hold on the
reader. The best argument that adver-
tising pays is found in the progress adver-
tising has made in the past few years,
both in the city daily and the country
weekly.

Henry Nash, a negro, was arrested here
Friday night for stealing a horse and
buggy belonging to Wallace Beaten. Mr.
Beaten makes his home with his brother-
in-law, Mr. George B. W. Rhodes near
here. He had been spending the even-
ing in town and about 10 o'clock went to
the hotel for his team and found it had
disappeared. The owner and policeman
Joseph Gary started in search of the
team and the man and found them at
Odessa. Nash was brought here and
given a hearing before Magistrate Cox,
who ordered him sent to the county
workhouse, where he was taken Saturday
morning by policeman John W. Dickin-
son. Nash is a stranger here and has been
working on the farm of Robert Cochran.

The young men of Middletown gave
another enjoyable dance Tuesday night in
the Century Club room on South Broad
street. Miss Lena Pleasanton presided at
the piano. Among the guests were: Miss
Dora Price, Miss Julia Lockwood, Miss
Marie Lockwood, Miss Martha
Heaton, Miss Helen Cochran, Miss Mary
Nowland, Miss Justine Peverly, Miss
Susie Foard, Miss Eliza Green, Messrs.
Harry Brady, William Brady, Cuthbert
Peverly, Harry Lockwood, Sidney Pever-
ly, George Lockwood, William Lockwood,
Dr. E. M. Vaughan and Harold Green, of
Middletown; William Hall, of Pleasant-
ville, Pa.; the Messrs. McAleer and Miss
Mabel Derrickson, of New York; Miss
Grace Weller, of Cumberland, Md.;
James Whitaker, of Philadelphia, Pa.,
and George Dutton, of Seaford.

The W. C. T. U. met on Monday eve-
ning at the home of the President, Mrs.
William H. Moore, to elect officers for the
coming year, and delegates to the State
Convention which will be held in Milford
in October. The election of officers re-
sulted as follows: President, Mrs. L. S.
Moore; Vice President, Mrs. J. F. Mc-
Whorter; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs.
M. L. Cox; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C.
A. Hoffacker; Treasurer, Mrs. A. M.
Heaton; Collectors, Miss Ida Cleaver and
Miss Mollie Wilson; Delegate to Con-
vention, Mrs. J. F. McWhorter; Alternate,
Mrs. J. W. Barnett. After the business
of the evening was finished, the hosts
invited the guests to the dining room,
where cake, coffee and fruit were served.
Several members of the local Union-at-
tended the Harvest Home held in Rey-
nolds' Grove near Kirkwood on Tuesday.

NOTICE.—REMOVAL
Dr. W. E. Barnard, Surgeon Dentist, has
vacated the Anderson property, and
removed his office and residence to the
property recently occupied by the late
S. M. Reynolds, next door to the post
office. Long Distance Phone No. 37.

CHURCH NOTES
The Rev. F. H. Moore will preach in
the Armstrong Chapel on to-morrow
(Sunday) afternoon. Service begins at
2:30 o'clock.

On Sunday, October 1st, the Sunday
School of the Forest Presbyterian Church
will meet at 11:45 o'clock, immediately
after the morning service.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in
the lecture room of the M. E. Church
every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock.
Everybody is invited to attend. The
topic for to-morrow evening is: "Home
Missions in Mountain and Plain." Matt.
5:35-38; Luke 9:16. Leaders, Misses F.
May Buchan and Hattie Cullen.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian
Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church
meets every Sunday evening at 6:45
o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended
to everybody. The topic for to-morrow
evening is: "The home mission work of
our denomination." Matt. 9:35-38; 10:
1-15. Leader, Mrs. Heaton.

THE JOHN H. SPARKS SHOWS
A show with a national reputation will
visit Middletown, Saturday, September
23rd and give performances afternoon and
evening. The Sparks Show is a clean,
high class exhibition, with acts and fea-
tures of such startling excellence that it
stands in a class by itself. Such costly
features as the great Wertz Family of
eight, the Dilleworths, six in number, the
French troupe De Reliando, the Er-
skine Sisters, the Millanese Brothers,
&c., are certainly unequalled. The
trained animals acts include "Mary," the
monstrous decorated elephant, "Romeo,"
the performing lion, the largest in cap-
tivity, "Cyclone," the comedy mule,
"Alice," the talking horse, and hundreds
of others, all the best that money can se-
cure. There will be a splendid street pa-
rade at 10 A. M. The price of admission
is only 25 cents. Children under 10, af-
ternoon 15 cents. At night 25 cents to
everybody.

Mary, the big elephant with the John
H. Sparks Shows, is not only the best
trained but the most intelligent and do-
cile in America. She loves to work and
will push big wagons about, lift
great cantaloupes, carries planks, heavy
boxes and rolls of canvas, &c. She dis-
plays great intelligence and judgment and
does her work quickly and carefully.
It is a sight worth anybody's time to see.

Farmers Institutes
Farmers institutes will be held as fol-
lows: Frankford, January 22d; George-
town, January 23d; Milton, January 24th;
Milford, January 25th; Harrington, Jan-
uary 26th; Laurel, January 29th; Bridge-
ville, January 30th; Dover, January 31st;
Smyrna, February 1st. The speakers
will include Prof. A. D. Shubert, a corn
breeding expert, Mr. Van Duer, a New
York poultryman, and Prof. A. R. Spaid,
superintendent of the New Castle county
schools. Ninety dollars in prizes, \$80 for
breeding corn and \$30 for yield, will be
awarded at the institutes by the State
Board of Agriculture.

RESOLUTIONS
WHEREAS, The Rev. W. J. Wilkie, the
Rector of St. Anne's Parish, Middletown,
Delaware, has tendered his resignation to
St. Anne's Vestry to take effect October
fifteenth, nineteen hundred and five.

Resolved, That, we the Vestry of St.
Anne's Church express our regret that
owing to illness in his family, our beloved
rector is compelled to move from our
midst, thereby, severing a rectoryship that
has been energetic and fully alive to every
day. We hereby express our recognition
of his untiring devotion and zeal in the
discharge and performance of those
duties; duties which oftentimes must have
been burdensome and yet, which owing
to his christian character, his love for his
fellowman and his devotion to his Mas-
ter's work, became to him a labor of love.

And in so doing we feel to him a personal
nearness and a affection which brings with
them feelings of deepest regret, in accord-
ing to his request to be relieved of his
charge. Our tribute to his ability as a
preacher and as a man is of the highest,
and great is the loss of those services and
fellowship which have been so long be-
stowed upon us, on the severing of these
relations our personal good wishes and
prayers, as well as those of the entire
membership of this parish, go with him,
and may God's choicest blessing be with
him and his. It is ordered that a copy of
this resolution be spread upon the min-
utes, that a copy thereof be sent to the
Rector and that the local papers be re-
quested to make a publication of the same.
M. N. WILKIE,
Secretary.

HEAVY YIELDS OF WHEAT
Reports of very heavy yields of wheat
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they can handle.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. George S. Hopkins was in Philadel-
phia on Tuesday.
Mr. A. C. Wilcox, of New York, was in
town over Sunday.

Miss Ethel Dayett, of Clayton, is visit-
ing Miss Lydia Dockett.
Mrs. M. J. Darlington spent Sunday
with relatives in Clayton.

Miss Ella Burchard has returned from
a visit with Elktion relatives.
Miss Ethel Gill is spending sometime
with relatives in New Jersey.

Mrs. James McColgan, spent Sunday
with relatives in Wilmington.
Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Howell have been
visiting relatives in Camden, N. J.

Mr. Clyde Morrison, of Mt. Pleasant,
Pa., is the guest of friends in town.
Miss Grace Weller, of Cumberland,
Md., is the guest of Miss Dora Price.

Mr. Harold Green, of Philadelphia, is
the guest of his mother, Mrs. Eliza Green.
Mr. H. M. Shroeder, of Lancaster, Pa.,
spent several days with his wife here this
week.

Miss Mary Benckert, of Philadelphia,
spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry
Jones.
Mrs. Hugh McAleer and daughters, of
New York, are stopping at the National
Hotel.

Mrs. Florence Tyson, of Baltimore,
Md., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Eliza
Green.
Mrs. J. H. Petherbridge, of Philadel-
phia, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A.
G. Cox.

Miss Clara Wise, of West Chester, is
spending sometime with friends and re-
latives here.
Miss Estella G. Snyder attended the
Walmesley-Ennis nuptials at Clayton on
Wednesday.

Mrs. I. S. Vallandigham, of Wilming-
ton, is the guest of her numerous friends
in and near town.
Miss Lottie Jolls has returned home
after a pleasant visit with relatives in
West Chester, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Chamberlaine and
daughter, little Miss Mildred Vaughan,
are at Atlantic City.
Mrs. William F. Metten and son, of
Wilmington, are guests at the home of
Mr. Alexander Metten.

Miss A. Louise McCrone has returned
to Wilmington to complete her studies at
the Wilmington Business School.
Mr. and Mrs. John Booker and daugh-
ter, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with
Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Lightbourne.

Mr. Albert Alexander, of Wilmington,
was the guest of his brother, Mr. Edwin
Alexander and family, over Sunday.
Mrs. Clara Yoths, of Philadelphia,
has returned to her home after visiting
her uncle, Mr. A. G. Cox and family.

WALMESLEY-ENNIS NUPTIALS

A pretty home wedding took place at
the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John W.
Ennis at Clayton at high noon Wednes-
day, when their daughter Miss Susan
Ethel Ennis became the wife of Mr. Alex-
ander Walmesley formerly of Middletown,
but now of Brooklyn, N. Y. The home
was beautifully decorated with potted
plants, and cut flowers, central design be-
ing a handsome arch under which the
bride and groom stood. Mrs. Howell H.
Sevil, of Clayton, sister of the bride, was
matron of honor; Miss Elsie Allen, of
Clayton, and Miss Amanda Fisher, of
Philadelphia, were bridesmaids; Mr. John
W. Ennis, Jr., was best man; Miss
Frances E. Allen was ring bearer, carry-
ing the ring in a large open calla lily.
Miss Helen McWhorter, of Middletown,
was a flower girl; the ribbon bearers were
Alice Ennis, Mary Johnson, Harry John-
son, Jr., of this town and Frank Mc-
Whorter, of Middletown. The ushers
were Mr. Howell H. Sevil, and Mr.
Julius W. Hawkins of this town. The
bride was becomingly attired in white
crepe-de-chine over white silk with tulle
veil and carried shower bouquet of ros-
es. The matron of honor wore white
silk and carried arm bouquets of carna-
tions. The flower girls wore white china
silk and carried baskets of flowers. Rev.
V. P. Northrup of St. Paul M. E. Church
read the candidates under the arch and
performed the ceremony, the wedding
march was played by Miss Flora Allen
and during the service, Miss May T.
Leathers sang "promise me." The
ceremony was followed by a wedding
supper and reception which was at-
tended by a large number of relatives
and friends. They left amid a shower of
rice for a wedding trip after which they
will take up residence in Brooklyn.—Smyrna
Times.

WARWICK
Mrs. Wilson Merritt is quite ill.
W. J. Lofland was in Wilmington on
Tuesday last.

Mr. M. A. Lofland is visiting in the
Quaker City.
A number from town attended court at
Elktion this week.

James Hicks is visiting Mrs. J. Arnold
Stewart on Main street.
Preaching to-morrow evening at 8
o'clock, Rev. Frank S. Cain, pastor.
Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of
A., meets every Tuesday evening at 8
o'clock.

Miss Daisy D. Day was the guest of
her sister, Mrs. George Goldborough last
Wednesday.
The small boy is preparing himself to
visit the John H. Sparks circus at Mid-
dletown to-day.

Miss Ada Marsh, of Wilmington, Del.,
is spending two weeks with her father,
Mr. E. E. Marsh.
Mr. John Piser lost quite a valuable
mare last Thursday. Heart trouble is sup-
posed to be the cause.

A fire of unknown origin among the
outbuildings of Mr. Amos Wilson was ex-
tinguished by a bucket brigade on Thurs-
day.

GIVE THE WOMEN A TRIAL

In twenty-five States charges of "grat" are
being, or have been recently, under
investigation. This does not include the
department of agriculture and the public
printing office at Washington. Such a
state of political affairs might operate to
prevent women from wishing to assume
any responsibility as a governing factor
were it not that the underlying force in
the woman suffrage movement is a sense
of duty, and a feeling that woman's cir-
cumsstances in these political matters have
been long enough neglected.

The rights of women to the ballot are
the rights of justice and of citizenship.
Thinking men are beginning to
feel their inability to cope with the grow-
ing dishonesty in public life and to feel
that in some way they ought to have the
aid of the reserve moral force there is in
women. Often do they sign eagerly a
woman suffrage petition saying, "Yes, I
am for that; women cannot do any worse
than men have done, and I believe in
giving them a trial, to see if they can
help us out." Our greatest encourage-
ment to hope that they will live in our
beliefs that men and women together can
accomplish for good in any direction more
than either can alone.—Ex.

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TOWNSEND

I. P. Pritchard visited Philadelphia,
recently.
L. W. Latonius, of Wilmington, was an
over Sunday visitor.

Virgil Stant visited her grandparents in
Millington a few days last week.
Mrs. Jane Wilson and son, W. P. Wil-
son, were in Wilmington on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Richardson and
children visited Holmesburg, Pa., re-
cently.
Miss Agnes Atwell visited her cousin,
Miss Edith Atwell, near Clayton, last
week.

S. S. Wilson, of Westminster, Md.,
spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Jane
Wilson.
Clarence Pritchard has returned to Jef-
ferson College, where he will resume his
medical study.

Mrs. W. A. Scott, Mrs. W. C. Money and
Miss Mary Money left Thursday for a trip
to Niagara Falls.
Rev. Adam Jones and wife, of Port
Penn, have been visiting their son, Rev.
J. W. Jones, this week.

The Townsend public school re-opened
last Monday with attendance of about
one hundred and twenty pupils.
Mrs. Benjamin Palmer and daughter,
of Milton, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Beardsley, who lives near town.

Miss Elizabeth Dorman returned to her
home in Baltimore Saturday after spend-
ing sometime with her cousin, Miss Ella
Maloney.
Miss Elizabeth Collins has returned to
her home in Wilmington, after spending
sometime with her sister, Mrs. John
Townsend.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney left early Mon-
day morning for Syracuse, N. Y., where
she will take a musical course at Syracuse
University.

CHARGE, SIR KNIGHT

That famous pleasure resort of Kent
counties, Dewey Park, at the head of the
Sussex river, was the scene of a gala
affair on Saturday, when the seventh an-
nual tournament was held under direction
of Messrs. Shalleross & Massey. Fully
1000 people were present at the tourney,
and many young folk came in the eve-
ning for the fish supper and dance, which
was held in the pavilion. Messrs. Joshua
Clayton and Henry A. Varbottion, of
Elktion, delivered the charge to the
knights and the coronation address. The
exhibition of horsemanship and the tilting
was usually fine. The Knight of
Ravenwood, John Brady, crowned Miss
Sadie A. Hobbs, of Baltimore county;
Miss Elsie Paxson, of Kirkwood, was
crowned by J. H. Kloho, Knight of
Rockdale; and the following young ladies
were chosen and crowned as aids: Miss
Arretta Cruikshank, of Cecilton; Miss
Jones, of Worton; Miss Regina Hobbs,
of Baltimore county; Mrs. Fowler, of Ches-
tertown; Miss Merchant and Miss Cruik-
shank, of Cecilton.

ODESSA

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after two weeks' visit with her brother
at Delaware City.

Mrs. L. P. Dutton, of Stockley, is visit-
ing her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P.
Spicer, near town.
Messrs. Frances and Mary April have
been spending the past week with re-
latives in Horsham, Pa.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens returned Wed-
nesday from a two weeks' visit with her
daughter in Medford, N. J.
George Kumble, wife and son, of De-
laware, N. J., were over Sunday visitors
at the home of their parents.

Miss Amelia Mulberger left Wednes-
day for a week's visit with friends in
Philadelphia and Chester, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Howard, of
Havre de Grace, Md., spent a few days
last week with her sister, Miss Burdette
Rose.

Mrs. George Carson Boyd and daughter
Martha, of Wilmington, spent Sunday
with her parents, Mr. William F. Tucker
and wife.

The Odessa Public Schools will re-open
on Monday morning with Miss Frances
Husbands as principal, and Misses Ethel
Mally and Frances April assistants.

Members of Epworth League will give a
"Weight" social at the M. E. Parsonage
on Thursday evening, October 5th. Every
body is invited, come and help make it
a success.

Miss Lillie Gilch returned to Atlantic
City last Saturday to resume her duties
as teacher, after spending the Summer
vacation here with her mother, Mrs.
Dorothy Gilch.

Mrs. William W. Naylor entertained the
Ladies' Aid Society at her home near
town on Wednesday evening. A large
crowd was present and a most enjoyable
evening was spent by all.

John, the little four-year-old son of
William C. McCoy near town, fell from
an apple tree last Monday afternoon and
broke his leg between the knee and hip.
The broken limb was set and the little
fellow is getting along very nicely.

W. A. C. T. U. was organized at a union
meeting in the St. Paul's M. E. Church
on last Friday night, when Mrs. J. K.
Barney, of Providence, R. I., Superin-
tendent of Jail and Prison work for the
World's W. C. T. U., was present and
spoke.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.
Wheat—No. 1 79 1/2 Corn—
No. 2 76 1/2 Yellow, shelled 57
Timothy Seed \$2.65 "cob 50
Clover Seed 10 1/2 Oats 54
MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONSLAKE.
Country Butter, per lb. 18 1/2
Creamery Butter, per lb. 28
Lard, per lb. 9 1/2
Live Chickens, per lb. 12 1/2
Potatoes, per basket 20 1/2

PENINSULA PARAGRAPHS

John T. Lowe was found dead in his
small pleasure boat at Tilghman's Island
Md., last Thursday afternoon. He had
evidently been dead but a few minutes,
as his body was still warm when found.

The Catholic priests of the Diocese of
Wilmington, embracing the state of De-
laware and the Eastern Shore of Mary-
land and Virginia, were engaged last
week in their annual retreat at Ocean
city.

Tomatoes are bringing fancy prices at
Nassau, and growers who missed their
peach crop will make up on tomatoes. A
war between commission men and local
canners is on at Nassau and the price
reached as high as 46 cents per basket
last week.

Capt. Howard, commander of the State
fishery force, has reported to Gov. War-
field on conditions in the Potomac river
and asked him to request the Governor
of Virginia to send a boat to co-operate
with Maryland in preventing oyster law
violations in the Potomac.

About 300 representative farmers from
all sections of the State spent Friday and
Saturday of last week at the Maryland
Agricultural College, attending the an-
nual meeting, which has become a regu-
lar feature. They were entertained at
the college and inspected all the depart-
ments of that and the experimental sta-
tion.

On Wednesday evening last Mr. Addi-
son Hardesty entered the lawn of M. G.
Lanham at Sundersville Md., and began
an argument with that gentleman. Blows
followed, and during the engagement Mr.
Hardesty broke two panels over Mr.
Lanham's head and tore his shirt nearly
off. Miss Lanham, who was suffering
with a weak heart, was a witness to the
fight and became so frightened that she
died within a few minutes. She was
about 56 years old.

The State Board of Health, through
Dr. E. W. Cooper, president, and Dr.
Alexander Lowber, secretary, has com-
pleted arrangements whereby the Pasteur
treatment will be administered to victims
of the rabies at the Delaware College
laboratory at Newark. The maximum
charge will be \$5.00, exclusive of board.
By this method patients throughout the
state will be no longer compelled to go to
distant places for treatment.

We won't vouch for the truth of the
following, but give it to you for what it
is worth: "A farmer who has made a dis-
covery which is of vast importance to his
fellow farmers during a dry season says
he has found that by planting onions and
potatoes in alternate rows, the onions
become so strong that they bring tears to
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umes that the roots of the potatoes are
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THAT LIST OF BASSETT'S

BY MIRIAM MICHELSON

It all came about through Senator Thorp's constitutional incapacity to take program. Newberry, the other candidate for the Senatorship, looked at United Power's table of facts and figures and promptly threw up the sponge. There was no use fighting Boss Bassett and the mighty corporation that controlled politics throughout the State—he knew that. Thorp knew it, too, but admitting a fact and separating processes to Thorp.

"You're in the fight to stay, Senator?" Bassett had asked by way of preliminary. "You really expect to be re-elected?"

The two men were closeted at the Senator's headquarters in the one hotel at Sacramento. Everybody stays at the same place at the Capital during sessions—even reporters; there is no other place.

"You bet I'm in it! Bill Thorp's no quitter!" answered the Senator.

Bassett passed a fat, white hand over a close-shaven chin. "You can count on your men, I suppose?"

"That's what I can," declared Thorp positively.

"Or you think you can, amended Bassett softly.

Whereupon Thorp rose roarily; fussed and fumed; announced his a'stude conviction of the loyalty of his supporters in a loud, uncertain voice, and then fell silent and uncomfortable, biting his short nails and casting scrutinizing glances at Bassett.

But you might scrutinize U. P.'s Boss' face till doomsday without finding out anything but what he wanted you to know. He interviewed Bassett a number of times on the most delicate matters concerning the Boss' boss—United Power. And he sent away empty-handed regularly, and yet with a pleased little sense of having been permitted to infer something special; a vague something of an intimate and confidential nature which the Boss intimated would be caviare to the mere multitude of reporters.

The old fox—his small, twinkling, cold eye, his stiff, short hair, his shrewd, sharp nose—oh, I can fancy just how he looked at Thorp!

"Why, look here, Bassett!"—the Senator, began to bluster; the Boss' smiling confidence disconcerted him—"these men are pledged to me; pledged in black and white."

"Will you—" began Bassett, but Thorp stormed past the interruption.

"And not only with pen and paper, but they're bound to me. I'm no chicken in politics, but when you secure a man's election, as I did Allen's; when you've got a deputy collectorship of the port for a near relative, as I did for Brigham's brother; when you've shelled out money to pay a mortgage pressingly due, which is what I did for Kinsky; when you've spent your own money in their counties, as I have for Grimmin, Glass, Hires, Irton, Johnson, Jamieson and the lot of them—why, you ought to count pretty hard on 'em."

"You certainly ought," agreed Bassett with the openness to conviction that makes intellectual contact with him refreshing.

Sensor Thorp got to his feet, puffed out his chest, dug his hand down into his pocket and complacently jingled his money and his keys.

"Well, that's where I stand," he declared with pompous self-satisfaction. And Bassett looked at him.

"Yep—that's where I stand," repeated Thorp, a bit of irritation at the other's smiling silence betraying itself in his voice and manner. "Well?" he demanded presently.

"Well—I wouldn't stand too hard, Senator."

And Thorp began to bluster, drowning the very words he really wanted to hear, in his effort to keep up his own courage. Bassett scratched his stiff, bristling hair gently, and waited.

"Do you mind, Senator," he asked pleasantly, after Thorp had subsided, "showing me your list? Only the true and tried, if you please, those you're absolutely sure of. You can have my word that I'll take no advantage of your confidence, but I may be able to assist—disappointment," he concluded with delicate hesitation.

Of course, Boss Bassett is a man of honor, with certain well-defined limitations—everybody knows that. And Thorp knew it as well as anybody. A man isn't in politics in a corporation-ridden State for fifteen years without learning the kind of boss he has to deal with.

"All right, I'll show it to you. Not for the reasons you give, but to prove to you what good grounds I have for feeling confident of re-election." He pulled a slip of paper out of his wallet and, tapping it knowingly with his forefinger, said: "You're not the first man who has seen it. Newberry, who's got twenty votes—"

"Newberry did have twenty votes," put in Bassett quietly.

Thorp looked at him a moment, irritated, incredulous inquiry in his face. Then he hurried on:

"Newberry thought some of these fellows might have been repeating on us; so yesterday we got together, he and I, and just quietly compared notes. By Heaven, there wasn't a single man on his list that was mine! The men pledged to him were true to him. The men pledged to me were true to me."

"You mean true, in your case, so far as Newberry is concerned; and in his, so far as you are concerned," remarked the sett imperturbably.

"I mean—what's that? I don't understand you," Thorp was agitated.

"There's a third candidate—Trewlitt."

"Bah! If I have twenty-eight and Newberry twenty, his votes are bound to come to me after a few ballots."

"Of course, of course, if you have twenty-eight and he has twenty."

"What the devil do you mean?"

Bassett held out his hand for Thorp's list; then pulled two papers from an inside pocket and laid the three sheets side by side on the table.

"Come—look," he said, nodding toward the evidence so openly displayed.

And Thorp looked. There was Newberry's list with more than half of the names significantly checked off, and beside it on Bassett's list, boldly stamped out and paralleling Thorp's own, name

for name, was the record of his men gone over to the enemy—pledged to Trewlitt. It ran something like this:

"Allen—\$3000.
"Brigham—Harry Brigham (son) in the Minn.
"Ewing—post in U. S. office, S. F.
"Grimmin—\$3000.
"Glass—can't be bought.
"Hires—\$2500.
"Irton—\$2500.
"Johnson—can't be got.
"Jamieson—doubtful.
"Kinsky—\$1500.
"Klein—\$2000."

And so on down the list. No wonder Thorp looked shocked; he had been outbid, without even a notification that he might be higher.

How did I get it all? Through Thorp, of course. State Senator Newberry had taken his defeat like a philosopher ("I base, trucking, coward," Thorp now called him), and was working busily in the Trewlitt camp, with an eye out for future contingencies. But Thorp—oh, Thorp was just dancing with rage, just piping-hot, brimming over and a-tiptoe to pour his list of woe into a sympathetic ear!

And instead of one he found two—or rather four: mine and Ted Thompson's. Aiken was there, too, to sketch the rampant Thorp in action, while we listened and questioned—but artists don't count, and Aiken anyway never hears a word that's going on.

But really Ted and I hadn't much questioning to do, Thorp was so ready. If we had caught him ten minutes later, he'd have had time to rethink himself, take a corporation outlying individuals, scandals, charges, proofs and popular indignation; that United Power has a long memory; and that a certificate of political death from Bassett is all that's necessary before burial promptly takes place. But when Ted and I overheard Newberry on the Capitol steps inveighing against Thorp for cutting him dead in the Senate chamber that morning, with one accord we turned and made for the hotel.

While Ted scurried through the bar, the billiard-room and up to the Senator's headquarters at last, I phoned for the artist—and when we got to Thorp's plush parlor, Teddy had him neatly corralled and not another reporter on the horizon.

"You can have it all to yourself, you lucky girl," he said when Thorp had been turned inside out and left for remorse to seize upon him. "The Times-Leader's committed you know, to the belief that U. P. is of the noblest and most generous of public benefactors. I'll give the office the facts, of course, but they'll only print an obscure paragraph, vaguely alluding to rumors, etc., so you've got a bully thing for your own. I won't give it away; we'll keep it in the family."

"Whose?" I asked, thanking him with a look.

"Why—ours, yours and mine," he chuckled. "Oh, you know it'll come to that one of these days, Miss Massey!" he added. The bold-faced conceit of him!

"I don't know anything of the sort. I've needed to my art, Mr. Theodore Thompson," I said haughtily.

"Tell that to McCabe," he jeered.

"Mr. McCabe would be interested," I remarked demurely.

"Rhoda!" It was half appeal, half affected dismay. "You haven't been and gone and taken a base advantage of my being busy to go and get old McCabe to fall in love with you! How do you know that I won't get a little leisure one of these days—"

"I do know," I interrupted, "that we are both a bit intoxicated over getting this lovely grind on the whole Senatorial situation. And I know, too, that I'll never be able to hold you in a breach-of-promise suit, Ted, for you could always shoot it fired. But if it's a fake, Rhoda, I want to know now before we go into action—and the News'll back you just the same, of course. But 'pon honor, now?"

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Resolved: That the best interests of progress demand the application of these principles to women by extending to them the right of suffrage on equal terms with men, and we urge the necessary changes in our laws and constitutions to secure this right to them."

The spirit of equal rights seems to be in the air in Oregon where it is expected a woman suffrage amendment will be submitted to the voters next June.

McCabe came up, you know, when I wired him that I was summoned to appear as a witness at the investigation. Ted wasn't in it to any extent, for the T-R had carefully belittled the whole thing. But my, I was glad to see McCabe's big coat where Ted and I were at breakfast! It gave me the snuggest feeling of being personally conducted.

"Hey, Rhoda, has the sun just come out?" Ted demanded, as I jumped up to meet McCabe's outstretched hand.

"No, Mr. Thompson, the father's just come up—the journalistic daddy of Rhoda Massey, who feels just as safe when the News' News Editor's on deck as—"

"But suppose the Managing Editor had come up instead?" McCabe asked, still holding my hand.

I made a wry face. Old Broughton has always been a figurehead on the News.

I knew that McCabe was really running things the very first day he took me into the office in spite of Bowman's prejudice against women-reporters.

McCabe laughed and, sitting down at the table, called for a cup of coffee.

"So you don't approve of my Manager?" he asked, smiling—he was positively shining with good nature this morning. "Miss Massey, rebel," is the way they put it down at the office."

"I don't approve of Broughton," I insisted. "Nobody does."

"I said your Managing Editor," he repeated significantly.

"Not—" I looked at him. Of course it was, it was gratified ambition that beamed from his face; you couldn't mistake it! "Oh, Mr. McCabe," I squealed, "congratulations!"

And we shook hands all round the table.

"But it makes a fellow feel a bit as though he were butting in on a Thanksgiving breakfast, or some family function of that sort," growled Ted. "She's ungrateful anyway, Mr. McCabe. Here have I been coddling and comforting my hated rival ever since she jumped with both feet into politics. She's the most-looked-at woman in Sacramento. Raw young assemblymen yearn to meet her. She's old State Senators are afraid of her. And all this time, instead of throwing bombs at her for holding the center of the stage so cheekily, I've been playing guardian and masculine prop and shelter."

Yet the minute you appear she flies to your bosom like a poor little dove who's been all alone among hawks. Fie, Rhoda!"

With a nod he was about to leave us to talk things over when McCabe put out a hand to detain him.

"I say, Thompson," he said slowly, "why not really butt into the News' family? There's a news editorship vacant since Saturday. Bowman's too limited or he'd have it. What do you think?"

"Oh—why?" I exclaimed.

Ted hesitated. "Thanks—I'm awfully obliged, Mr. McCabe, and appreciative, too. Will you let me think it over? A desk position doesn't tempt me. I would not have the City Editorship on the T-R, you know, because I've always had a sneaking feeling that perhaps I could write some day—something other than newspaper stuff. But, thank you, I'd like to work for you—and can it stay open just for a day or so?"

McCabe nodded. Ted went off and we got down to business.

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